

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JUNE 2024

Grant

Matt Simpson and the New York State Assembly have approved grants for Chester, Horicon, and Johnsbury Libraries for \$20,000 each. Checks should arrive in October.

SALS Director Visit

Sara Dallas will be attending our October meeting.

Tiny Art Exhibition

50 canvases were distributed to the community, to be returned by June 28. Tiny Art Exhibition will be on display in the library for the months of July and August.

Town of Chester 225 Anniversary Celebration July 13

Celebration will feature a month-long exhibition throughout the building of the photos of Chestertown taken by Mr. Sumy. This will include The Ruplin Gallery and Display Case in the Library for the month of July. The library will be open from 9-4 on that day. A celebratory festival on the back field, begins at 4pm and will include performers, vendors, games and fireworks, car show and more.

Friends Booksale and Town Anniversary

Due to the use of all hallway walls by the Historical Society for their photo exhibits, the Friends cannot have their usual book sale set up in the halls. Book Sale will take place in the bookroom and in the library.

Friends Basket Raffle

Baskets have been set up in the library and tickets are on sale.

May-June 2024 Programs

MAY

Ruplin Gallery featured the Chip Carvings of Dennis Wilson

Display case featured a collection of children's books by Author-Illustrator Deborah Kogan Ray from the Collection of Barbara & Clarke Dunham.

JUNE

Ruplin Gallery and Display case featured the Senior Center Second Floor Artists' exhibition of Art Inspired by poetry.

Up-Coming Summer Programs:

Every Friday 11pm = Preschool Story Hour.

Every second Monday = Head start Story Hour.

Once a week beginning July 6-YMCA Literacy Camp Storytime. In collaboration with ADK YMCA.

Summer reading: We are again offering a Summer Reading Challenge. Signups began June 14, 2024. Flyers on this and all our summer programs were distributed through North Warren School. Reading begins July 6 through August 14.

July:

Mon-Thur. July 8-11. STEM Camp-Grades 4-6 In Collaboration with Youth Commission
Thur. July 11. 3 pm North American & Exotic Live Animals
Mon-Thur. July 15-18. STEM Camp Grades 1-3 In Collaboration with Youth Commission
Thur. July 18. 1:30 & 2:45. Planetarium Adventures: Explore the Solar System. Sign up req.
Thur. July 25. 3 pm. Magical Adventures Magic Show
Thur. Aug. 1. 3pm Super Reptile Show. Live Animals
Thur. Aug. 8. 3pm Juggling, Uni-cycles, Balloons, Fire eater.
Thur. Aug. 15. 3pm The Puppet People: The Tortoise and the Hare.

Rural Libraries Roundtable, a meeting of library directors from 8 of the SALS System rural libraries took place at the Indian Lake Library. Discussions included programming and crafting options for children and adult programs.

Dates Closed

Thur. July 4-Independence Day
Open Fri. & Sat July 5 &6

Respectfully submitted,
Alma Alvarez, Director
Town of Chester Public Library

See Statistics on next page.

STATISTICS

Visits May. 2024

9 to 10am	86
10 to 11am	142
11 to 12pm	95
12 to 1pm	70
1 to 2pm	49
2 to 3pm	44
3 to 4 pm	46
4 to 5pm	38
Total Visitors	570

Visits May 2023

9 to 10am	174
10 to 11am	217
11 to 12pm	194
12 to 1pm	129
1 to 2pm	115
2 to 3pm	100
3 to 4 pm	147
4 to 5pm	92
Total VISITORS	1168

	May 2024
Patrons in Library	570
Items checked out	984
ILL received	185
ILL sent	269
Computer users	20

	May 2023
Patrons in Library	1,168
Items checked out	953
ILL received	167
ILL sent	250
Computer use	25